Wecht on Long John
NBC-AM Radio - Monday
1/10/72 at 8-15 pm

LJ: (introd) story NYT weekend
Dr. J Lattimer I talked to him
this pm, recorded the conversation
Haven't yet been able reach
Dr. Wecht (titles). Hope be
in touch c̄ him 15-20
minutes & get his views
on Latt's findings, Latt is
urologist Student assn.
Extensively lectures written
extensively including a
couple of books (?)
57 yrs age Ch D of U
Col U C of P&S
Has written articles read JFK's
describing series of experiments
he did replications
TSBD etc.

Taped interview c̄ Lattimer

LJ understand you student
assn of firearms & that
is possibly why you were
selected?

JL actually is consec secondary
but interested in Lincoln's
assn & JFK Parallels
many ways — wrote article —
then to amazement everyone
Cit WR vig & pans
reasons in many cases
Very upsetting having pple
accuse WC of gross contradictions
Happens was asked be
visiting prof Dallas c̄
was able sit on box in
window "where LHO sat"
& seemed easy while
critics saying hard shot
poor rifle too many ~~grains~~
missing from bullet
Was able get ID rifle + ID
bullets On farm c̄ 2
sons did mock up

500 rounds vs 100 by FBI
demo one thing 4 sure —
ammo perfectly reliable
rifle " satisf
all were able hit target
3 x at same distance
Mr. Oswald had used

Clear many critics not warranted
But still had doubts
eg re trajectory of bullet
thru neck. Sketch
in NYT. worried him
So when was permitted
see actual photos was
interesting see rear hole
clearly entrance quite far
above front hole of exit
That was unusual striking
finding. Other thing he
looked 4 was any
sign bullet transverse
direction Saw [illegible]
no sign of any

LJ You are urology. Wd
you consider yourself
xpt also in forensic
pathology?

JL No, by no means
but I do have available
xpts in pathology & in
X rays, so I have better
capability than ordinary
citizen + fact I happen
have rifle scorebooks
showing he was perfectly
competent marksman
c̄ + different rifle
& no telescope

But re forensic xpts
3 leading ones
have + already
Blue-ribbon by Ramsey Clark

Is no neglect by american forensic medicine.

LJ who were the 3?

Latt Sorry I do not have the list but I can get it for you — As in 1968-1969 NYT as matter of record

One from U of Utah

" " Case Western

& leading one med x
Md

Radiologist from J Hopkins

They came to generally same conclusions but in very technical language eg "subcut emphysema" not "air"

LJ any possibility JFK had Addison's disease?

Later, has twitching over shoulders
typical of cortisone Rx
no ~~[illegible]~~ — ? —

LJ Then you are satisfied
only LHO ?

JL Yes I am satisfied
c̄ that Bullet
re c̄ Parkland Hosp
rifle had Oswald's handprint
on it No way Hale
Calton — recommend
in X to plant at PH
Just foolish to think that
could be done. So clear
LHO fired 3??
Plus fact he shot Tippit
& bullet matching
gun on LHO when
arrested

Earl Rose — tries justify
removal of body —
but did lead to fact
forensic details were
obscured — halo around
hole in back clearly indicates
entry — European
forensic Community has
always looked askance

LJ
Any value Helpern Wecht
Nichols Coah?

JL Helpern greatest in
world Wonderful if
any of them had done it

(Farewell Announce)

LJ have to wait
to 9 pm news
to get Wecht
— he is giving talk to
morticians

Wecht 9:15 pm

LJ what you tell
morticians tonight?
CW would not tell layman
(few laughs)

LJ I talked c̄ JKL
urologist student
asson of Lincoln
Will tell you few things
Said
— No doubt LHO fired all
shots
— both entrance [illegible] from behind
— keen student cas by
firearms wounds WW II
— frankly admits is
not forensic path
— very close friend —
was student of Helpern

— Latt feels after x all evid all made available at Archives — what he saw shud elimin completely any doubt re WC & LHO all shots

Wld like your comments

W Quite interesting — not trying be facetious — Latt insists on ref'ing to LHO as if cued [illegible] who fired from window

Tempted asked him if any items he dug had LHO name on them

Gets sceptical which Latt leads off c̄ LHO was the assn

LJ he did much work c̄ same type gun used in TSBD

– he ever sat same box
– Was able determine he could
– no one but man on box
He owns LHO's rifle score
book 49 or 50 pts at
2x distance sans scope
49 out of 50

W inconsistent c̄ what's
known LHO ability
a Marine for official
records did very
poorly – failed
1st x passed
c̄ low score 2nd x

Other inconsistencies
Again when read Humes
autopsy protocol & their
test vs subsequent
findings of spec panel
1969 readily
find obvious
semantic equivocation

LJ: actually Dr. Rose eminent Forensic pathologist — never in this case — that is pt.

W: agree H&B & Pierre only ~~Finck~~ had some x
H&B more
But pt is, they were pathologists & are on record
Later Monty Fisher & others official rpt also on record
My pt is these unquestionably that findings (tho' wrote WR) show equivocation & careful language on certain pts

How follow that radiologist is 100% positive

LJ: Look @ autopsy sketch — page found pt of entry higher than sketch

W) would take it with hand
measurements what about
holes in coat & shirt
Did coat ride up to
JFK head?

LJ Lett first ace bandage
& brace (black)
~~8 8 crotch~~
upright position
so x to second bullet

W) 0 to do c it
First shot struck him in
back — face sheet —
during autopsy —
at lower part scapula
Later moved over
shoulder =
mass hath moves it
to head

Maybe Latt compared it c̄
entry hole in head
at occipital protuberance

Lt Holo bruise
back of neck
proving entry

W can be bruising
effect at exit
also Latt
still has not learned
forens path folly

Quoted in NYT re
no grassy knoll — for
police argument r ally —
only from floor of car
if entered
turn around —
back hit neck
same angle

then wld go back to floor
of car — not into
back of Gov C

Forensic med
" path

LJ) why B Marshall
select Latt
if not felt competent
when CW JN,
Mil Hdq avail?

W) very good question
& answers itself
esply if add
fact that 3 of 4
path 3 civ
1 mil 1 defender
of WR

further coincidence the
defendant is the
urologist while
3 paths are not,
at least not so far

LJ no forensic path who is
favorable to
WR ??

W) was panel Ramsey
Fisher Moritz et al
highly competent
& in essence OK'd
WC findings
on autopsy
But in factual narrative
they showed divergencies
from Humes autopsy
& " test

I used language that
needed cross the road to
acceptance certain
things

So nonplussed by fact
urologist able
arrive conclusions
which outstanding
FP's unable do

Another analogy re
heart transplants
DeBakey & Cooley ~~[illegible]~~

academic arrogance
med practice
cardinal need is
M.D. not become
involved another
specialty

How Scott dares thrust self
into premier [illegible]
Controversy — —
Absolutely incredible !!

LJ
Feb 4
c̄ Holt if
available?
W/ Surely !!

Cyril Wecht
Thurs 6:15 pm
1/13/72

Ted Kupferman
1/13/72
6:30 pm
(general up-date
– friend of Bush
likes him very much
– mix on U Thant